

OUR Lady OF THE Angels PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

St Gerard Majella
146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

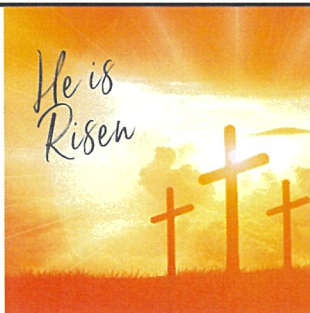
St Paschal Baylon
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

SUNDAY 31st March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY— Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

It's indisputable that the world is full of good people and beautiful things are happening every day in Australia and around the world. However, it's also true that we live today in a world and in a country where many are hurting, sick, wounded and suffering. The ongoing ravaging effects of war in some parts of the world, the intense economic and health crises, high rates of mortality, depression, loss of job, family breakdown, and so many other challenges humanity is facing today have their adverse effects and impacts on human lives, not only in Australia but around the world. The good news is that it's in the midst of everything we are experiencing in our world that we celebrate the great Feast of Easter. It couldn't have come at a better time than now. Alleluia, Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead to die no more! What joy we have as we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead which is a celebration of victory over everything that weighs us down and impedes our capacity to live life to the fullest.



There are at least four major religions in the world: Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Each of these rests on a historical figure: Buddha, Mohammad, Abraham and Jesus Christ. Amongst all these personalities, only Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead. Over the tomb of Buddha, Mohammad, Abraham, is written, "occupied" but the tomb of Christ is empty because Christ died and rose from the dead to die no more. Death couldn't hold Him captive. Jesus Christ remains the greatest person in history. He had no servants; but many called Him Master. He had no army; but the world super military powers feared Him. He had no academic degrees; but He was the Rabbi *par excellence*. He did not go to any medical college; yet He was the greatest healer and physician. He won no military battle; yet He conquered the world with love and His message of good news. He won no crown; yet people called Him King of kings and Lord of lords. He committed no crime; but the chief priests, the Scribes and the elders of the people crucified Him. Even though He was crucified and buried, He was resurrected and still lives today. Christ is not just alive, but Christ is a living and active presence amongst us.

The readings especially the gospels for both the Easter Vigil and the Mass of the Easter day do not specifically relate what happened to Jesus Christ at the moment of His resurrection. However, what the readings have done quite well is the narration of the implications of the resurrection of Christ in the lives of believers. With the resurrection, every believer is now on the threshold of a new life. A wonderful world has opened up before us, inviting us to step into it with hope and optimism. Christ's resurrection is a declaration of the light of Christ, which shines brightly into the dark places of our lives. Whether it is in the form of sickness, financial hardship, family crisis, depression or death—Christ's light shines and gives us hope.

The resurrection of Christ fundamentally means that we can have a lasting relationship with God – the God of the living and the dead. It also means that in our struggles and difficulties, we are victorious and triumphant through the Blood of the Lamb (Revelation 12:11). We can never be alone in our struggles. When life seems chaotic and difficult, Christ's victory over death lights up our way and shines brighter

(Contd. P2)

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MASS TIMES

St Gerard Majella - 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermside West

Mon: 9.00am **FRI:** 9.00am

Sat: 4:30pm **Sun:** 8:00am & 5:30pm

St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

Wed: 8.45am (During School Term)

Thu: 9.00am **Sat:** 6:00pm **Sun:** 9:30am

**RECONCILIATION is available after Parish Mass
Please approach Fr John**

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than any difficulty we might face. As Christians, our baptism into the life, death and resurrection of Christ opens up for us infinite possibilities. Since we share in the merits of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection, we are no longer our own. We belong to the God who paid a ransom to save us, a ransom which was not in worldly things such as silver or gold, but the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot.... (1 Peter 1:18-19).

As Easter people, Alleluia is our song. May our celebration of the great Feast of Easter enable us to look on this mortal life of ours not only through our human lens; but also through the eyes of Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead so that we might have life and live it to the fullest.

Happy and blessed Easter to you all.

God Bless you all,
Fr John

Saturday Vigil Mass

Please take extra care when arriving at the church on Saturday evening as the church will be in darkness, however, the car park will be lit.

Candles will be handed out as you enter the church and please return these at the end of mass.

Parking Notice—St Gerard's

Extra parking is available at the property (White House) next to the church at the Easter Masses.

Weekday Masses

There will be NO mass on Monday the 1st & 8th of April and Thursday 4th of April. There will be a mass at St Gerard's on Friday morning 5th April at 9am. Normal weekday masses will re-commence on Thursday 11th of April 2024.

Christian Meditation Group

There will be No Meditation Group on Monday 1st of April. The Meditation Group will resume as usual on Monday 8th of April.

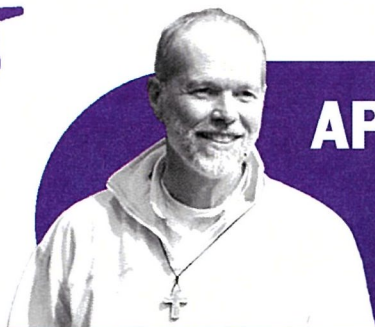
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YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

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THE POWER AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



APRIL 18TH

EMMANUEL
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7PM-9:30PM

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 10:00am alternately at St Gerards' and St Paschals'.

Bookings to be arranged in person at the Parish Office
Monday - Friday between 9am - 3pm.

Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making a booking.

Baptism preparation sessions will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month at St Paschal's Church following a Welcome Mass at 9:30 a.m. During mass the family will be presented with their child(ren)'s Baptismal candle to keep for the day of their baptism.

VERSE FOR VINNIES

North Pine Poets will be our performers, thirty years since these poets began, and their members have been Aussie Champions, scaled the heights of the bush poet clan. There'll be nine of these poets performing, with a mix of both ladies and men. There'll be humour and pathos and stories, some of which have been etched with their pen. You will get a whole range of bush poems, the traditional, the modern, their own. Variation is what they'll contribute, entertainment will be their touchstone. There'll be Anzac Day tributes to Diggers, there'll be Paterson poems you'll know, there'll be poems you've never encountered, all of these you will get in this show. So we'd love you to come to this concert, as it's real entertainment you'll get; and the dough from this show we can promise, goes to battlers we're prone to forget.

Sunday April 7 at 1.30pm \$15 - Only Cash.
St. Williams School Hall Dawson Parade Grovely.
Book seats noel@noelstallard.com

A Morning's Prayer

Individuals and groups are warmly invited to attend the next A Morning's Prayer Retreat, facilitated by Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team. This is a chance to come away together for a few hours and be still in the presence of God. The morning consists of input, prayer, reflection, morning tea and group discussion. This morning's theme is based on John15:1-4 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower...remain in me as I remain in you".

When: Saturday 27th April, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston
Register: www.tinyurl.com/AMP24-2



Stewardship

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."
COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

(Accessed on March 27, 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

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Thank You

A big thank you to the many volunteers for your invaluable contributions and dedication during the Easter celebrations. Whether you are assisting with coordinating, altar serving, music, choir, flowers, readings, eucharistic ministry, greeting, banners, and the many others who made the celebration so special.

Your generosity and kindness are deeply appreciated. May God bless you abundantly for your continued support and service to our Parish.



Archbishop's Dinner for Women

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, offers a chance for women discerning their vocation to connect and gain insights into their journey. The event features personal stories from the Archbishop to assist in discernment and the questions they are currently facing. It's set for April 18th at Wynberg in New Farm. Interested attendees should email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au to submit their interest.

Places are strictly limited.

When: Thursday 18th April, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Wynberg, New Farm



Congratulations

Congratulations to Tat and Zac who received the sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass. May God's love and blessings be with you always. Thank you also to Carl and their sponsors who supported and guided them through this journey.

Holy Week / Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday—28th March

The Lord's Supper

7:00pm St Gerards & St Paschals

Good Friday—29th March

Stations of the cross

10:00am St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Individual Reconciliation

10.45am St Paschal's with Fr. John

Passion of the Lord

3:00pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Saturday—30th March

Easter Vigil

7:00pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Sunday—31st March

The Resurrection

8.00am St Gerard's (No Morning Tea after Mass)

9.30am St Paschal's (No Morning Tea after Mass)

There is NO 5.30pm MASS on Easter Sunday

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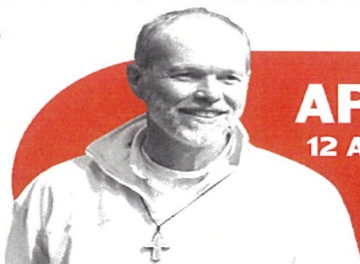
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9AM - 8:30PM

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Recently Deceased: Noel Watkins, Felix Jude Okosi, Kirk Geraeds, Fred Martin, Paula Dalton

Anniversaries: Please pray for John Whyte and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for Amanda Whitfield, Pat O'Shea and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

7 April 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm: Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24
 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
 Gospel: John 20:19-31



Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
24/03/24	\$	\$	\$	\$3626.40

All donations are greatly appreciated

Regular Parish Activities

1st Friday: Adoration after 9.00am Mass St Gerards

2nd Friday: Anointing Mass 9.00am St Gerards

Rosary : before Friday Mass (*but not during Lent*)

: after Friday Mass

What's on this Week: 1 — 5 Apr 2024

Thurs 4/04 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am



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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal Peoples, who have walked this Country in ages past, who walk it now and will walk it in the future. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their profound connection and respect for the land and waterways of this Country. Spirit and Creator God, may you guide us in the traditions of this land as we walk gently and humbly, in kinship with all of creation.

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